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SUBJ: FIRST MINISTERS CONFERENCE APRIL 9 IN OTTAWA

1. DURING COURSE OF A RECEPTION ON APRIL 7, LIBERAL PREMIER GERALD REGAN OF NOVA SCOTIA TOLD ME THAT HE HAD NO HOPE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER PROVINCES WOULD GO ALONG WITH HIS EFFORTS TO HOLD PRICE OF OIL AT \$6.50.

2. WHEN ASKED ABOUT ONTARIOS POSITION, MR. REGAN SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD TO HAVE THE MASSIVE SUPPORT OF ONTARIO BUT IMPLIED THAT THE CAUSE WAS NONETHELESS A LOST ONE AND THAT THE PRICE WAS SURE TO RISE. REGAN ALSO EXPECTS SAME SUPPORT FOR HIS VIEW FROM PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PREMIER HATFIELD OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

3. OBVIOUSLY REGAN FEELS THAT EVEN WITH THE GREAT WEIGHT THAT ONTARIO PULLS, THE PRODUCING PROVINCES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL PROVE OVERWHELMING AND THE PRICE WILL RISE. AS THE PREMIER ADMITS DEFEAT BEFORE EVEN GETTING TO THE BATTLEFIELD, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT HE

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CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH ONCE THERE.

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